

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

As I look at my monthly phone bills, I am amazed and appalled at all the taxes already collected for something the govt. has little justification to collect. I suppose there are some governmental costs to protecting the integrity of the system, but if everyone is paying this every month, this is big money and I don't see that level of benefit from governments. To me, it's another big scam. The companies providing these services do all in their power to protect customers in the first place if they wish to retain the business. I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could unnecessarily raise the cost of my current service.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair! If anything is necessary, it should be proportional to use.

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't wish to lose these benefits. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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